

APPROVED: Meeting No. 07-90

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 03-90

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Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Executive Session in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, Rockville, Maryland, on January 22, 1990, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss land disposition matters.

The Mayor and Council convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, at 7:40 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. The City Manager reported that the City was saddened to learn of the death of Pinneberg Mayor Hans-Hermann Kath on January 17. Herr Kath had been Mayor of Pinneberg for almost the entire duration of the Rockville-Pinneberg Sister City relationship. A memorial service will be held in Pinneberg on Friday, January 26, at the Christ Church. The Rockville Sister City Corporation, in a letter to the Mayor and Council, has expressed hope that a member of the Mayor and Council would represent the City in Pinneberg.

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2. The City is preparing for the sale of \$10,000,000 in General Obligation bonds to finance the capital improvements program. On February 6, 1990, there will be a special meeting of the Mayor and Council to approve the sale of the bonds. The City Manager advised that he and other City representatives would be traveling to New York in the latter part of the week to appear before bond rating agencies.

3. Four public hearings will be held on January 29, to be followed by a budget issues worksession.

4. Regarding the banner program, the wintertime snowflake banners were recently installed. The new tag banners, supported by private contributions of the business community, were added today.

Re: Presentation to Stephen N. Abrams, Councilmember, City of Rockville, 1980-1989, in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Rockville.

The Mayor and Council presented Mr. Abrams with a replica of the City Hall mural and an engraved pewter cup in recognition of his years of service on the City Council.

Re: Recognition of Wootton High School Volleyball Team, Maryland AAAA State Champions for the Seventh Consecutive Year.

The following team members, coached by Mickey Lipman, were honored for their outstanding achievement in winning the Seventh Consecutive Maryland AAAA State Volleyball Championships: Irene Brodetski, Jenni Burdette, Kristin Burdette, Jen Cichy, Amanda Garzon, Carrie Laureno, Bess Mah, Kelly O'Brien, Barbara Stross and Trish Yednock. Each individual was presented with a Certificate of Recognition and Dr. Coles, Principal of Wootton High School, was presented with a plaque for the school.

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Re: Presentation of certificates
to player-members of the Pee
Wee and Junior Division Teams
in the Rockville Football
League.

The Pee Wee team, coached by Tom McLister, was undefeated during the season. The Junior team, coached by Joe Conner, finished the 1989 season as League runner-up. Members of both teams were recognized by the Mayor and Council and received Certificates of Award.

Re: Appointments

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Andrea Bernardo was appointed as an alternate to a two-year term on the Alternative Community Services Commission.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Alan Sternstein was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Appeals, which term expires in January, 1991.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Robert Dorsey was reappointed as Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council, noting that this was the time for individuals to comment on any of the evening's agenda items.

1. Leah Barnett, 19 Orchard Way North, commented on the City Hall space needs study indicating that she hoped the Mayor and Council would seriously consider the space needs of City employees including review of enlargement of the present City Hall or finding another location.

Mayor Duncan asked Mrs. Barnett if she was aware of the request of Rockville Sister City Corporation to send a representative of the Mayor or Council to Pinneberg,

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to represent the City at the memorial service for Mayor Kath. She responded that she had not been called about it, but would agree that it is very appropriate.

2. Tom Curtis, 2519 Lindley Terrace, addressed two traffic problems, the first dealing with the postponement of the Scott Drive bridge repairs. He stated that it is very difficult to make a left-hand turn from Ritchie Parkway onto Glen Mill during the morning rush hour. The Scott Drive bridge closure will create an even more difficult situation. He noted that a solution might be a three-way stop at West Ritchie and Glen Mill. The City Manager responded that the Scott Drive bridge would be closed for two days only and that temporary relief on the days of closure at nearby intersections will be explored. He also indicated that staff will review the suggestion for a three-way stop.

Mr. Curtis asked the City's assistance in dealing with what he described as a waste problem with newspapers lying in the gutters and by the roads. The newspaper publishers should be notified to have their carriers be more careful in making their deliveries.

3. Jeffrey and Rachel Huppheins, 4 Monroe Street, invited the Mayor and Council to attend a public meeting sponsored by the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Rockville and the Baha'i Club of Montgomery County on January 26 at 8:00 p.m. at Montgomery College. The guest speaker is Judge Dorothy Nelson of the Ninth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals.

4. Dick Haight, Gaithersburg, expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for forwarding to President Bush their Resolution requesting that drunk driving be declared a national crisis, noting that on December 11, 1989, President Bush did declare drunk driving to be a national crisis.

Mr. Haight also expressed regret with Montgomery County adding their own private brand to liquor sales.

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5. Glennon Harrison, Chair of the Planning Commission, requested that the Mayor and Council remand Item 9H, appeal of a decision of the Planning Commission regarding the landscape plan for Use Permit U-440-89, C. M. Whalen, applicant, back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration. Mr. Harrison indicated that he and the other members of the Commission met earlier in the evening and adopted a formal position that no basis exists for an appeal. Mr. Harrison asked that the Mayor and Council consider a number of issues should they entertain the appeal:

- o that the use permit was approved in May, 1989, and an appeal was required to have been filed within 30 days of that action; that there is no basis for appealing the conditions attached to the approval;
- o that the basis of the appeal is flawed in that the landscaping plan now being proffered had not been seen by the Planning Commission before tonight;
- o that the landscape design presented to the Planning Commission did not meet the high standards of the Town Center Plan and Urban Design standards and was substantially inferior to what was presented at the concept stage of development;
- o that the pedestrian orientation and landscape standards designated by the Commission are fully warranted; the octagonal area of the courtyard should provide sufficient green space and the driveway should be narrowed to approximately 25 feet with the island widened by a like amount.

In conclusion, Mr. Harrison stated that the Planning Commission has been extremely supportive of the developer's efforts.

6. Rev. Mansfield Kaseman and Adrienne Carr of Community Ministries expressed support for Item 14 on the agenda dealing with funding to continue the elderly home care program. It was explained that when funds were requested for the program, there was no statistical base from which to project the success of the program. In order to continue

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to provide services through the end of June, an additional \$22,500 is required.

Discussion followed as to efforts of state and county in working together to fund such projects; the repeal of the medicare catastrophic insurance plan and the need to assure that older citizens have the insurance to provide for this necessary service.

Mayor Duncan indicated that the Emergency Assistance Program may be a possible funding source for this project, and it was confirmed that adequate funds are available from the Emergency Assistance Program to continue the Elderly Home Care Program.

7. Linda Leach, 804 Burdette Road, addressed the City's leash law, informing the Mayor and Council of a problem on the grounds of the Civic Center with unleashed dogs attacking other dogs on leashes. The City Manager responded that staff will look into the matter and prepare a report to include the frequency of such attacks.

8. Joseph Lynott, attorney for C. M. Whalen, spoke in opposition to Mr. Harrison's suggestion that Mr. Whalen's landscape plan be remanded back to the Planning Commission, indicating that the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction to hear the appeal. He cited the May 25, 1989, Planning Commission approval of the Use Permit and stated that all of the conditions of this approval, including number 3, that the landscape plan be approved by the Director of Planning, had been met. He further stated that the January 11, 1990, decision of the Planning Commission attaching more conditions to approval of the landscape plan was without legal basis.

9. Stephen Fisher, on behalf of the Alliance of Rockville Citizens, requested that the City Attorney's Office develop written rules of procedure for the Board of Supervisors of Elections. He expressed displeasure with the handling of a complaint filed with the Board against ARC by Richard Arkin, indicating that he had received no notice that a decision on this complaint would be made by the Board at their meeting of January 18, 1990.

Mayor Duncan advised that these concerns would be addressed at a worksession

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to be held with the Board in March and that a letter would be sent to the Board requesting that they defer action on their ruling until after this worksession.

10. Judy Greenberg, President of the Board of Directors of Rockville Arts Place, indicated her pleasure with Item 13 on the agenda, motion to approve a letter of intent between the City and N. R. Kimmel and the Rockville Arts Place providing for facilities to be used for Rockville Arts Place.

11. James Vitol, Planning Commissioner, urged that the Whalen appeal be remanded to the Planning Commission to be placed on their agenda for Wednesday night.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 01-90 (January 8, 1990) were approved, as written.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of Meeting No. 02-90 (January 15, 1990) were approved, as written.

Re: Consent Agenda

Mayor Duncan requested that Item H, appeal of decision of the Planning Commission regarding the landscape plan for Use Permit U-440-89, C. M. Whalen, applicant, be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed immediately thereafter. He indicated that it had been placed on the Consent Agenda with the understanding that certain plans would be distributed in advance; however, the plans were received late.

Councilmember Hovsepian asked that Item I, approval of instructions to staff to file necessary documentation to designate the Civic Center a Rockville Historic District, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- A. Approval of waiver for on-site Storm Water Management for the property at 1321 Rockville Pike in the Cabin John drainage area and acceptance

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of a \$4,140 contribution for the off-site SWM fund.

The developer, American Machine Tool Distributors Association, plans the construction of a small parking lot addition.

- B. Award of Bid No. 33-90 for the purchase of a replacement and upgraded sewer flushing machine and truck cab and chassis for the low bid price of \$71,870.

Six bids were received, ranging in price from \$71,870 to \$88,236. The budgeted amount for this item is \$71,500; there are sufficient funds available for this purchase.

- C. Award of Bid No. 39-90 for the purchase of two 185 CFM Rotary Screw Portable Air Compressors for the low bid price of \$20,175. This will provide two replacements. The budgeted amount for this purchase is \$22,000.

- D. Award of Bid No. 76-90 for the purchase of a 14,000 GVWR Truck Cab and Chassis with a continuous sewer rodder for the low bid price of \$31,350. The budgeted amount for this purchase is \$36,000.

This will provide replacement of an existing truck chassis and upgraded continuous sewer rodder.

- E. Award of piggyback requirements contract on Montgomery County Contract #05282-AA for routine and emergency electrical services at municipal buildings and grounds to Kolb Electric, Inc., Washington, D.C., for the value/ceiling of \$60,000 annually with two additional option years for the total amount of \$180,000.

This requirements contract will provide a high level of efficient,

safe and quality routine and emergency electrical services necessary for the day-to-day operations of all municipal grounds and facilities. Requirements contract value/ceiling budget is \$180,000. Funding for this contract would come from existing expenditure authorizations from various departments and sections utilizing the electrical contractor.

- F. Approval of the bid for the Beall-Dawson House Study from Kann & Ammon, Inc. who will provide a structural, programmatic study and analysis package similar to the one they are doing for the Civic Center Mansion.

This project is funded under CIP Account #420-900-OM61-0426 in the amount of \$30,000.

- G. Motion to grant a cost-of-living increase to City retirees.

The City pension plan provides for the Mayor and Council to grant cost-of-living increases to retirees. The Retirement and Disability Board met on December 11, 1989, and voted to ask approval to grant such cost-of-living increases as of July 1, 1990, as follows:

Four percent to those who retired prior to July 1, 1989, and three percent to those who retired after July 1, 1989. Funding for this increase would come from the pension plan's surplus.

- J. Motion to approve use of Civic Center mansion by Peerless Rockville for their annual Year's Day Brunch.

Approval of this motion would continue the practice instituted this year of making available the Civic Center mansion for the annual New Year's Day Brunch of Peerless

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- K. Motion to receive City financial reports for the period of July 1 through December 31, 1989.
- L. Motion to approve Proclamation declaring the week of January 28-February 3, 1990, as "Kiwanis Week" in Rockville.

Proclamation No. 01-90

The Kiwanis Clubs celebrate their 75th Anniversary on January 21, 1990. In recognition of their outstanding service to the community, Mayor Duncan will present Proclamation No. 01-90, the full text of which can be found in Proclamation File No. 5 of the Mayor and Council, at the Capital District Kiwanis International Mid-Winter Conference being held in Rockville February 2-4.

Re: Approval of instructions to staff to file necessary documentation to designate the Rockville Civic Center an historic district.

Councilmember Hovsepian stated that she had requested to have this Item (I) removed from the Consent Agenda because the Mayor and Council had been asked to postpone such action until the architectural study of the Civic Center is completed. Mayor Duncan responded that it was 15 months ago that the decision was made to wait until the study was completed and that the Historic District Commission would like to move forward with this. He indicated that he does not feel such action represents a conflict with the study being conducted. It was decided that the mansion, formal gardens and the dollhouse areas should be included in the area to be designated as an historic district.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to file the necessary documentation to designate the Civic Center mansion, the dollhouse and formal gardens an historic district.

Re: Motion to approve appeal of a decision of the Planning

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Commission regarding the
landscape plan for Use Permit
U-440-89, C. M. Whalen,
applicant.

The applicant has requested reconsideration of the Planning Commission's action on the detailed landscape plan for a development on Courthouse Square.

The City Attorney was asked to respond to the Planning Commission's statement that there is no basis for an appeal of this matter to the Mayor and Council. The City Attorney responded that the proper process is being followed and that it is appropriate for the Mayor and Council to entertain this appeal and take such action as they deem appropriate.

Staff reported that the appeal was filed on January 16, based upon a review of the landscape plan; that the presentation before the Mayor and Council is a modification of the landscape plan previously presented to the Planning Commission; that all five elements outlined in the Planning Commission's May 25 approval of the use permit had been addressed satisfactorily except for final details of the public plaza. The plan presented to the Planning Commission on January 10 was not totally acceptable. The modified plan includes pedestrian ways raised above vehicular areas, brick patterned edges of walks and a brick sidewalk leading into the plaza. Landscaping is a difficult task given that the property is over a concrete deck; the green areas are comprised of ground cover with plantings and shrubs and some trees such as maple and crab apple.

Councilmember Coyle asked why the recent plan called for the use of minimal brick which is a dramatic change from the original plan; staff indicated that it was probably an expense factor. Discussion then followed regarding maintenance of brick versus concrete. Councilmember Hovsepian indicated that she would rather see a brick driveway than a sidewalk and, in keeping with Courthouse Square, she would like to see additional brick in the driveway to resemble a continuation of Courthouse Square. Mayor Duncan said he would compare the project entrance to the Courthouse circle which is all

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concrete. Councilmember Robbins asked if there are ways to transition from brick to cement design and if it is architecturally feasible. Staff noted several such transition patterns in Town Center.

Questions regarding the width of the driveway were posed in light of the fact that parking is not permitted in the area. The revised plan has added more green space and narrowed the driveway from approximately 50 feet to about 35 feet. In response to the question regarding why such a wide drive apron is needed, staff responded that it is not an absolute need from their viewpoint but that Mr. Whalen is concerned that there be a generous amount of space for vehicles maneuvering in the area. Staff pointed out the benches around the plaza and responded to Councilmember Hovsepian that the reason there were no benches in the green space area is that the ground cover with low shrubs was not designed for walking.

Councilmember Marrinan addressed the original concept of a pedestrian friendly plaza and asked what would preclude changing the status from "no parking" in the plaza at some future point. Staff advised that the Zoning Ordinance precludes surface parking in the TCM-2 Zone.

The question was asked if the vehicular access to the plaza off the through street is to discourage auto traffic into the area and what is the process to make it one-way. It was decided that the traffic issue should go through the Traffic and Transportation Commission and come back to the Mayor and Council with staff and Commission recommendations.

In response to Councilmember Coyle's question regarding the relationship between issues dealing with the plaza and bonus density given in the project, staff responded that building height bonuses were necessary, particularly for the apartment building, and a modest height bonus was needed for the mixed use building. The pedestrian circulation improvements and plaza were major amenities realized in granting the height density bonuses. Councilmember Coyle asked if the level of amenity is in

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contention here and if staff is satisfied that what is proposed meets the test of what the City requires. Staff responded that its charge was to see if they could come up with an acceptable compromise.

In response to Councilmember Hovsepian's question regarding a walkway only on one side of the entrance, staff responded that they felt it best to put the pedestrian walk on one side with a reasonable width rather than having two smaller walkways.

As to increasing the density and height of plantings, staff responded that they did not enhance the quantity of plantings and that there only a couple of significant height.

Councilmember Coyle expressed concern with the process and timing and asked where they are with respect to making a decision. The City Manager responded that in order for the developer to maintain his financing commitment, they must close by the end of the month, January 31. It is in the interests of both parties to the contractual agreement that this deadline is met; the building permit cannot be secured until the use permit is finalized. Councilmember Marrinan asked what happens after January 31, assuming a favorable ruling by the Mayor and Council, and how the process relates to Phase II. The City Manager responded that recording of some plats is necessary which is more of a ministerial function; the Planning Commission must approve all record plats. The project would then go forward as any other development, administered by Licenses and Inspection, constructed in accordance with code and inspected for final occupancy permit. At such time as Phase II commences, there will be a similar process requiring Planning Commission approval.

In response to Councilmember Marrinan's question as to whether record plats have to be approved before closing on January 31, the City Attorney responded that it is no problem for the City but that it may be a requirement of the lender's commitment.

At this time, Mr. Lynott indicated that with regard to timing of closing, the deadline for the loan commitment had been extended to March. Since the mortgage must

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be on a record lot, the plat of subdivision is for land that is the subject of Phase I.

Councilmember Marrinan noted that it is in the best interest of the City to proceed with the recommendation of the planning staff that this is an acceptable filing. He did express uneasiness with the substance as well as the process, commenting that the Mayor and Council should not be placed in the position of this level of involvement in the technical aspects of the project.

Councilmember Hovsepian moved that there be an eight foot apron of brick on the entranceway. This motion was subsequently withdrawn.

Although pleased with the project, Councilmember Coyle expressed disappointment with the landscape plan and the amount and flow of traffic in and out of the plaza, impacting on the pedestrian friendly concept of the development. He also opposes the entrance to the garage from the plaza. Councilmember Robbins stated that the plan became less pedestrian-friendly once a decision was made to open up the entrance to vehicular traffic, and he is not sure of the impact of the conditions set forth in the January 11 letter of the Planning Commission; that it is a judgment call now, but that it is important that the project move forward.

Mayor Duncan stated that the Mayor and Council need to take a look at the use permit process and what they can do to try to resolve the issue for the future; he feels that the process has been followed according to the laws of the City. He reminded everyone that this is a landscape plan and a small portion of the overall \$38 million project, and he emphasized that the project is extremely important to the revitalization of downtown Rockville.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the motion to approve the landscape plan as submitted to the Mayor and Council was approved.

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Re: Adoption of Ordinance to issue
General Obligation Bonds in
aggregate principal amount not
to exceed \$10,000,000.

Ordinance No. 01-90

The bonds will fund the following projects: Dogwood Park Master Plan development; Municipal Swim Center rehabilitation; Fleet Street construction; Courthouse Square improvements; City-wide play equipment improvements; restroom renovations at Hillcrest, Calvin and Maryvale Parks; North Street widening and reconstruction; storage building construction at the Senior Center, Rockcrest Park, Civic Center Park and Broome Athletic Park; and the Regional Sewage Treatment Facility expansion and upgrade.

The City Attorney advised that the ordinance had been revised to include additional public improvement projects listed on Exhibit A which should have been included in the description on page 1 of the document.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepien, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Ordinance was amended to include the changes as set forth by the City Attorney.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Ordinance No. 01-90, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 15 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted, as amended, to issue General Obligation Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Re: Adoption of Resolution
to approve Exploratory
Application for Planned
Residential Unit
Development, PRU-18-
89, WHM Land Corporation,
Applicant.

Resolution No. 03-90

Councilmember Coyle asked if the issues between the developer and the neighborhood have been satisfactorily resolved, and the City Manager indicated that the resolution was prepared consistent with the recommendations of the Mayor and Council and

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no additional feedback has been received as to concerns.

Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 03-90, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 9 of the Mayor and Council, was adopted to approve Exploratory Application for Planned Unit Residential Development, PRU-18-89, WHM Land Corporation, applicant, for development on 49.4 acres of Chestnut Lodge property at Falls Road and I-270 containing 181 townhouses and 38 detached houses.

Re: Discussion and Instructions
to Staff, Text Amendment
Application T-99-89, Mayor
and Council of Rockville,
Applicant.

This amendment contains changes dealing with freestanding signs, off-site signs, prohibited signs, temporary signs and Sign Review Board authority. Following discussion regarding the types of signage involved and potential locations, it was agreed that this item would be deferred until such time as members of the Mayor and Council have an opportunity to view the types of signs involved. Councilmember Marrinan questioned the grandfathering of existing signs and changes to buildings necessitating taking down signs and putting them back up. Mayor Duncan responded that when the current ordinance was passed in 1984, there was a provision for grandfathering of all signs until 1992. All non-conforming signs have to be changed by 1992, or earlier if a change in their use permit is being requested.

Re: Motion to approve a letter of
intent between the City,
N. R. Kimmel and the Rockville
Arts Place providing for
facilities to be used for
Rockville Arts Place.

The City Manager outlined the major points of this agreement: Mr. Kimmel will lease 8,000 square feet of commercial space for 20 years to the City for lease to the Rockville Arts Place at no cost to Rockville Arts Place other than utilities and

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proportionate share of taxes. In addition, the current 4,000 square feet of land adjacent to the building will be used to construct a gallery addition. The City will convey to Mr. Kimmel, at no charge, approximately 21,000 square feet of land immediately adjacent to the premises to be used by Rockville Arts Place.

The State bond bill provides for funding of \$500,000 for Rockville Arts Place, and Mr. Kimmel has agreed to contribute \$150,000 to RAP for improvements to the current structure.

Mayor Duncan asked that in the letter to the State the dollar value of the free rent be added.

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council approved the letter of intent between the City and N. R. Kimmel. It was agreed that this matter would be scheduled for public hearing by March.

Re: Consideration of Community
Ministries' request for \$22,500
to continue the Elderly Home
Care Program through June,
1990.

The program which was originally funded through Community Development Block Grant has expended all of its \$22,000 grant causing Community Ministries to request funds to complete the fiscal year.

Councilmember Hovsepian noted that this program is also of benefit to the public inasmuch as previously unemployed individuals are trained to become program employees. Councilmember Coyle noted that the task is to look at how to assess and anticipate the needs in the area.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council approved the funding of \$22,500 to continue the Elderly Home Care Program through June, 1990, with the funding source being the Emergency Assistance Program.

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Re: Discussion regarding craft
show policies.

Mayor Duncan noted the concern over juried versus non-juried craft shows and requested a review of craft fairs in the City. Staff stated that there are two craft fairs, at Hometown Holidays and Oktoberfest, and that a small committee, consisting of staff and possibly contact with local crafters such as Sugarloaf, has been making the selection. The objective is to increase quality to attract more people to downtown.

Councilmember Robbins indicated that the problem with juried shows is that outsiders rather than Rockville residents are given the opportunity to participate. Mayor Duncan stated that some individuals who were not selected to participate in the Oktoberfest show had been participating in City shows for years and that the Mayor and Council need to address the concerns of these residents, perhaps by adding a craft show for Rockville residents only on Rockville Day. It was agreed that staff would review comments of previous craft show exhibitors and would pursue a Rockville Day craft show with City residents or County residents, highlighting and inviting those who participated in the City's Courthouse Square shows for years.

Re: Discussion regarding current
status of Town Center Banner
Program.

It was noted by Mayor Duncan that the new tag banners were put up this week. The number of tag banners was clarified as well as the public-private partnership aspect of the program. Mayor Duncan expressed concern with how haggard the regular banners look near the end of the cycle and requested information on the process of putting them up. Staff responded that there is a new crew which checks on the banners daily, using a ladder to fix them as needed. It was decided that staff would explore in the next budget cycle the purchase of a bucket truck.

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Re: FYI/Correspondence

Councilmember Hovsepian referenced the letter from Rockville Sister City requesting that a member of the Mayor or Council represent the City at the memorial service for Mayor Kath. The Mayor and Council agreed that it was appropriate for the Mayor or a member of the Council to represent the City of Rockville in Pinneberg and, upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, such travel was approved.

Councilmember Hovsepian referenced the commendation of Officer Rappoport and Captain Yates.

Regarding follow-up on the traffic flow on West Montgomery Avenue from Laird Street to Monroe Street, staff indicated that a meeting is scheduled this week with the City's traffic engineer, a County representative and Mr. Hicks from the State and that another report will be issued.

With respect to the State Department of Environment letter, Councilmember Hovsepian asked who was to be commended for these efforts and was advised that it was the Public Works Department.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Coyle mentioned the special exception applications pending before the County Board of Appeals and that persons had expressed concern to him regarding the traffic impact in Rockville of the two transfer stations. Mr. Romer responded that staff would continue to monitor the requests very closely and appear at the public hearings to transmit expressions of concern by citizens of the City of Rockville.

Councilmember Coyle also requested information regarding a problem on Watts Branch Parkway the day before to which five County police cars and three City police vehicles responded. The City Manager stated that he would check into the matter and provide a report of the incident.

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Regarding the recommendations for relandscaping of Veterans Park, Councilmember Coyle requested clarification regarding the diagram for Plan B. Upon motion of Councilmember Coyle, duly seconded and unanimously passed, staff was instructed to proceed with Plan B for landscaping of Veterans Park.

Mayor Duncan inquired as to the status of the Watts Branch Parkway traffic committee and was advised by the City Manager that the traffic engineer has made contact with some individuals. Mayor Duncan requested that staff add Beth Eisman, 2 Fallswood Court, to the list of people to be contacted. He also asked that information be forthcoming in FYI regarding the formation of this committee.

Re: Executive Session

Upon motion of Councilmember Hovsepian, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council convened in Executive Session at 11:38 p.m. to discuss land disposition matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 a.m., to convene again in Worksession at 5:30 p.m. on January 23, 1990, or at the call of the Mayor.